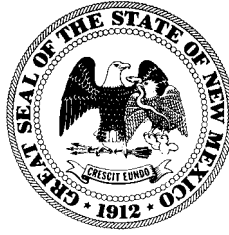


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Attorney General Patricia Madrid's Office Schedules Foreign Prosecution Presentation in Las Cruces

(Santa Fe, NM)— Attorney General Patricia Madrid announced a special presentation for District Attorneys on foreign prosecutions utilizing the extradition treaty and Article IV of the Mexican Penal Code, scheduled for September 29, 2004 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The presentation is being conducted as a joint effort between Attorney General Madrid's Foreign Prosecution Division and the United States Marshal's Office.

Attorney General Madrid said, "Criminals have used Mexico as an escape hatch from justice for years. The extradition treaty and Article IV of the Mexican Penal Code are powerful tools that I want to teach law enforcement officers and local prosecutors how to use to bring those fugitives to justice. Because of our strong working relationship with law enforcement officials in Mexico, my Foreign Prosecutions Division can show the state's D.A.s how to effectively prosecute Mexican nationals who flee home to evade justice for crimes they commit here in the United States."

Assistant Attorney General Maria Sanchez-Gagne, who is part of the Foreign Prosecutions Division and is conducting the event, said, "This presentation is designed to show law enforcement officials how cases can be successfully brought to trial using the extradition treaty and Article IV that might otherwise never be prosecuted."

Prosecutors have the option to file a request for extradition of criminals back to the United States for trial, using the Mexican extradition treaty. A collaborative effort between the Attorney General's office and the U.S. Marshal's Office, this is the preferred option for bringing a fugitive criminal to justice, where he or she will be tried, and if convicted, sentenced in the jurisdiction

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where he or she committed the crime. The most recent success of this collaboration was the extradition of Jesus Moreno, Sr., who was on the run in Mexico, wanted for stabbing his wife in Albuquerque on Easter Day, 2003, while his 4 year-old grandson watched. Moreno was on the loose for almost a year, until he was arrested in February by Mexican law enforcement and extradited back to the United States. This extradition was facilitated by Attorney General Madrid's office, the U.S. Marshal's Office and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Article IV of the Mexican Penal Code is a unique statute that permits the prosecution in Mexican courts of citizens who commit crimes in the United States or other foreign territories. Prosecution of a Mexican national under Article IV can be used by law enforcement when the Mexican government denies extradition of a criminal.

Since the early 1990's, Attorney General Madrid's Office, the U.S. Marshal's Office and the Office of the Attorney General of Mexico have collaborated to prosecute some of New Mexico's most brutal crimes.

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